

## CLASS OF '87.

### Thirty-Two More Pupils Out of School, And Into Other Afflictions.

The Exercises Thursday Evening at the Opera House. Brief Review of the Speeches.

Editors often keep reports of graduating exercises in type, for convenience, to use from year to year. What is proper to say once is good for all time, and saves lots of trouble. We have a full set of plates of this sort, and many of them are still intact but we will not use them. The class of '87 did itself proud, and we are going to report the exercises as they appeared to our representative.

The first things that one noticed on entering the house were the decorations. On either side of the stage, near the boxes, were high plant stands full of flowers, one having a floral anchor in the center. When the curtain rose there were seen two white pyramids of flowers, one on either side of the stage, and a large number of most elegant baskets in an irregular line just back of the footlights. Over the class extended a beautiful evergreen arch bearing in white letters the class motto—"Der Bergweg öffnet sich!" which being translated is, "The way up the mountain is now open." Depending from the center of the arch was a straight bar of the same evergreen, with the words "Class of '87." The teachers were seated in a group at the extreme right of the stage (as viewed from the audience room), while the class were seated in four rows of chairs across the stage. The curtain rose at 8:09, and after the overture by the orchestra,

MISS MAUD PICKENS delivered the salutatory address. Miss Pickens' toilette was a tasty blue, rather plain, and she wore a bunch of yellow roses. Her words were rather conventional as her task compelled them to be, but the essay was well delivered, and in a clear distinct voice that all could hear. Her articulation was particularly good. Miss Pickens' effort was one of the best of the evening, and was a good, suitable opening to the exercises.

EDWARD LIPPERT then held forth upon the subject "Education a Growth." This essay tended to prove that education has built up the world, from degradation to the lofty pinnacle of usefulness upon which it now stands. Mr. Lippert's gestures got the better of him. His voice was strong and could easily be heard. The subject matter of his oration was good.

MISS GRACE GEDNEY was the next speaker. Miss Gedney presented a very attractive picture upon the stage. She wore a lavender costume, rather on the décolleté order, which contrasted finely with her dark hair and clear complexion. Miss Gedney's essay was rather poetical in its style, and displayed considerable skill in the use of words. Her voice though clear, was far too weak for the hall, and she seemed making an effort to speak loudly. Her main idea of art was that the character of the artist shows in his work. The essay was good.

FOLLETT BULL chose for his subject "Our National Peril," in the discussion of which he was particularly severe on communism and anarchy. These ideas had sprung up in the festering scum of the old world and had landed at Castle Garden by the shipload. It was, he said, at the present time the greatest danger that threatened our national prosperity. Communism was spreading, and if not checked it would engulf everything and lead to revolution. Mr. Bull's voice was good, as was also his delivery.

KATE FRYE took the strange wording of a subject "The Life Year." Her essay was very light and airy in wording and gave the listener the impression that she had been studying mental and moral philosophy. Her combination of words and sentences, however, were truly beautiful. Like Miss Gedney's essay the sentences seemed to roll out like dew from a slender grass and there was poetry in every word, still it would puzzle the listener to tell just what she had said. Rhetorically her effort was above the average.

BLANCHE SHAYER, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," was the title of Miss Shayer's effort. Insurmountable difficulties were the big bugbears, she said, to frighten cowardice into submission. Beyond all these difficulties lie reward. Let not any heart be discouraged, but plot and plan and remember that the brightest joys are beyond the hardest tasks. Miss Shayer's costume was of light green silk and was very handsome. She wore long white mitts.

JOSEPH JAEGER the class historian, then took the floor, and literally brought down the house. He recalled the Freshman days, the Sophomore superiority, the lyceum, the poor debates, the Junior and Senior years. He paid a fine tribute to Prof. Tufts "than whom we shall never have a better teacher." [Applause] The class of '87, he said, was the kindest class that had ever gone out from the High School; and glancing at the array of beautiful young ladies on the stage, everyone was inclined to believe he was right. Eight or ten times during his speech did the audience stop him with applause. Joe Jaeger is not a speaker, in the rhetorical sense, he is not particularly polished, but he is one of nature's original geniuses. He is clear headed, and smart. That class historian showed not only brains and work, but it showed a natural tact and cuteness that he may be proud of. We venture the prophecy that Joseph Jaeger will be heard from.

ROCKS. The curtain was then lowered, and the orchestra rendered a selection which was roundly applauded. After a few moments of rest the curtain was again lifted, disclosing the class in different seats, and

the second half of the programme was opened.

MISS JULIA ROUTCLIFFE. She attempted nothing profound or poetical. It was a simple, plain, direct plea for the bright side of things. Some where the sun is always shining, but there is work to be done. Don't look at the dark side. Life is worth living. And the listener must be inclined to think it is, when Miss Routcliffe was speaking. She is not an eloquent, but she went at that essay in a direct, easy, common sense way that was refreshing. Miss Routcliffe's gestures were good, her voice clear. If there be any criticism to offer, it is that there was a little lightness about the whole thing—and still that was evidently the intent, for the essay, the voice, the delivery, gestures, and all were in keeping.

FRANK SAPP had a subject in some measure like Follett Bull's, although we do not know which selected his subject first. Mr. Sapp's delivery voice and gestures were good, and his manner on the stage was perfectly easy and self possessed. His effort was good and was well received.

KATE VOGEL spoke on "Our Grand Province." She spoke of the change in women's position since the days of Greece and Rome. She noticed how every honorable calling was at the present time open to women. Trades, all the professions, art, and in fact, pretty nearly everything that man does, can woman do. Law and society have removed all their restrictions as to what a woman may do. But the best, the grandest, the sublime sphere of woman is in the home. That is her best place. Miss Vogel's essay was good, and was well delivered.

PERCY HALL spoke up as chipper as if he was seven feet tall. His subject was the "Laws Delay," and he handled it well. He told how the United States supreme court is two years behind, and no prospect of getting caught up. Every suit is appealed or thrown back for a new trial, or brought off in some way delayed or demoralized. What we want is more legislators, then the courts will, in time, be brought to a good standard. Mr. Hall's essay was better than his delivery.

GRACE STRAWN was laboring with quite a poor voice which did not enable her to do justice to her essay. The principal point of notice in her essay was her description of the Holy Land, and of Christ on the "Mount of Vision." Her speech was more like the conventional graduating essay than many of them were, although much of the subject matter was very good indeed.

W. G. ESTABROOK came forward as if slightly embarrassed. He spoke of the changes in the southern part of this country since the war. The liberation of the slaves had given the whole south a certain impetus that nothing else could have done. With the intellectual white man tilling the fields, the cotton fields yield more to the acre, there is more life in the transaction of every branch of business. Mining, manufacturing, farming, in fact every branch of southern industry has taken a boom, and the south is a different sort of a country from what it was twenty years ago.

MISS BELLE AGARD read the class prophecy. It was in poetry, and it would have been better in plain prose. The writer was jerky and imperfect. The prophecy itself was cute. The hits it contained were well aimed and were really sharp. Miss Agard had one bad trouble in her delivery. Her voice was wretchedly poor, and broke every little while into a falsetto. The effort as a whole, was good, and was frequently applauded. Then came the presentation of the

DIPLOMAS. Prof. Charles W. Tufts arose on his corner of the stage and in his clear, distinct voice, pitched just a trifle higher than usual delivered such a speech as few in the house expected to hear. To the class he said that he had cared for them with especial interest, with them he had entered the Ottawa High School, with them he went out from school work forever. He had a personal interest in every one of them and upon their work hereafter depended his success or failure as a teacher. He had come to them, little more than a boy, and had done his best and he wanted them as he would try and do himself, to work for honor, position and success.

"You'll hear from me" said the professor, "and I trust you may never have cause to be ashamed of me. Be honest, be open, be sincere. You will make enemies if you do anything, but don't get discouraged. They will snarl at you, they will annoy you, but they cannot hurt you. Be true to yourselves and to your parents, and shun not work." [Applause.] Turning to the audience he said that he thanked the patrons of the school for the support they had always given him. He had made mistakes here and none could regret it more than he, but he thought there are some things he could claim. He had enlarged the school [applause] everyone had been treated alike. The laborer's son had been used as well as the pampered sons of wealth. [Applause.] There had been a change, but it would not hurt the school. The new principal (pointing to Prof. Colton) was one of the grandest men in Illinois. "But," said Mr. Tufts "stick by him if you want a good school. Help him in his good efforts. If some of your children will not work, don't blame him; if some have not been taught to obey at home and come in contact with Mr. Colton's wholesome discipline, don't blame him for that; if some of your children neglect their work to engage in disgusting, love sick flirtations, don't blame the teacher for shutting down on them. Visit your school's officers, see what is going

on, help the teacher in their efforts, and you will have a good school.

Prof. Tufts then delivered the diplomas to the class, and set down. The valedictory was then delivered by

ARTHUR F. EVANS. The first portion of his oration was on "Despotism." It was exceedingly flowery effort. The valedictory was good, he caused Mr. Evans said what he wished to say and then quit. His farewells he said quickly, pointedly and well. Just as he sat down Kent Green stepped forward, and carried out a number

NOT ON THE PROGRAMME. He stepped out in front of Prof. Tufts; and in a neat speech, presented the Professor with a complete set of Dickens, in behalf of the school; and with a gold headed cane from the graduating class. He did the presenting very neatly, and the Professor was taken entirely by surprise. He made a few brief remarks and thanks, and the curtain dropped.

From Earlville.

EARLVILLE, May 18.—The farmers in his vicinity are all through planting, even the slowest. Our Mayor has issued orders to arrest any man who is found drunk on the streets. Miss Lottie Wilson was the guest of Miss Anna Rigden, of Ottawa, the past week. Earlville boasts of a real live band. George Whitaker sports a new side bar. I think Mr. Brown will have to choose another route. Jesse Donagh indulged in a lively run away last week with a harnessed team. Zan Harris says the north side of Freedom is a fine country. Don't blame you Zan.

George Bills was seen on our streets last Wednesday with a smile that reminded one of a basket of chips on a frosty morning. George says it's a ten pound boy. Frank Yager, one of Earlville's worthy young men was drowned while bathing in the feeder at Dayton, last Wednesday. El Horton narrowly escaped with his life.

Married by Esq. Chase, Saturday, May 14th—Mr. El. Horton and Miss Nellie Sweeney. Mr. James Cruise, foreman in S. E. Snow's blacksmith shop was the guest of friends in Ophir a few days the past week. The dance at Smith's last Wednesday eve, was a grand success, music by Mr. Streacy.

The heaviest and almost the first rain of the season fell Saturday afternoon accompanied by a violent gale and hail storm.

Your correspondent returned yesterday after a week's visit with friends and relatives in Aurora.

The rain Sunday evening caused many a gloomy face in and about Earlville. Henry Gedney of Ottawa, bought seventeen head of horses from Samuel Haight, of this town for eleven cents a pound, the horses averaging from 1,450 to 1,650 pounds apiece.

Charles Ferguson, of Freedom, was showing off one of his fast horses on our streets Sunday.

Miss Allie Donagh was the guest of Miss Katie Moran, of Ottawa, the past week.

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From Ophir.

OPHIR, May 25.—Items are beginning to be a curiosity in this vicinity. No one getting married, no runaways, and no nothing. Hence it is hard to get up a readable letter.

A pleasant and a very badly needed rain fell here last Saturday afternoon—the best we have had for nearly one year. Our neighbors a little ways west were not so fortunate, as they got no rain at all. Corn here is doing very well since the rain, and lots that didn't get in deep enough to get moisture is now coming up with a vengeance.

Waverly, one of the best Clydesdale horses in this vicinity, is owned by Edw. Cole. This horse is taken care of and in charge of Pete Hannan, a good horseman and a perfect gentleman. This horse has been in this country some five years, and this year he is getting more than his share of work. Any one that has once used the horse will always use him. His get is second to none in La Salle county. To my farmer friends desiring to sire to a good horse I would say by all means use Waverly.

Hapema & Foster are busy hatching chicks by steam. The G. A. R. Post of Ottawa will decorate the graves of their comrades in Homer on Monday, May 30, at 3 p. m.

The cream festival at the Baptist church Thursday evening was a success. Frank Wilson is running a dandy meat market in Troy Grove. John has only been here some three weeks, but in that time he has made a host of friends and customers. Give John a call when in town and you want a good feast. On Fridays you will find him well supplied with fresh fish.

C. Krause is busy hauling potatoes to Spring Valley.

Pedro made a short call at Earl this week. I must say it is duller there than in Tri-umph.

Mrs. John Wilson, from Earl, is in town visiting.

"Our mill is now running day and night to get ahead of their work. But it is useless, it comes in faster than they can grind. A very good article is now made there.

Our boys spent part of last week at Dayton fishing report poor success. Steve says there isn't enough water there to get a good sized fish a drink.

During the storm Saturday lightning killed a nice steer for Billy Mitchell and two head for Mr. Barr.

John Wilson has two full blooded Jersey cows for sale. They are a bargain.

Mr. Drexler's new house is about finished.

Mr. Hall is selling lots of lumber at Tri-umph.

Ophir is short on judges. Can't we import a few from Waltham or Wallace?

Homer has a good harness maker, and he gets lots of work.

John Richard is now prepared to furnish family beer, he having added a bottling establishment to his business.

Frank Wilkins' new house is now finished, and Frank is as happy as a Murphy bug.

Robbie Wylie is home from school. He returns in the fall.

Orin, May 26.—The weather clerk has returned from a prolonged visit to London and brought with him an abundance of rain.

William Haul informs us that he has sold his Dean Swift roadster, three years old, for the handsome sum of \$500.

Joseph Garland and wife were the guests of relatives in Wallace a few days the past week.

George Gehan and wife, of Wallace, spent a few days the past week among friends and relatives in this vicinity.

M. Hughes is seriously ill with moustache fever.

Patrick McManus smiles like a huge sunflower, and Y & I has tumbled to it. It is a son, and a very fine one at that. This is what makes him feel as rich as J. Gould, and who can blame him, for his son will no doubt make as model a man as his father is, and will bring joy to the hearts of his parents.

Welcome James to the columns of the TRADER here. We would be much pleased to hear from you, J. I. C. Y & I.

From Garfield.

GARFIELD, May 25.—W. D. Winter made a flying visit this week to the Greenbush farm, and had a very social chat with (Spick) Wm. Neely, an old school chum, and many wayside notes were rehearsed. Neely promises to make a return visit in the near future.

J. D. Strayer sports a brand new top buggy and glittering harness.

P. H. Jennett is reported as the purchaser of the J. A. Roberts property near Garfield.

A full wagon load of the villagers took a trip to Schneitzweil Lake to capture a mess of fish, and we learn they were successful.

M. Eller entertained a visitor from Wyoming, Ill., on purely business relations. In these times trades are numerous, and we can't tell what may happen next.

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Money to loan on farm property.

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MONEY NOTICE.

The Ottawa Street Railway Company give notice that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes of Illinois, entitled "Horse and Dummy Railroad," and in force July 1, 1884, it will apply to the City Council of the City of Ottawa, in and for the County of Madison, Illinois, for authority to lay down, construct, operate and manage a street railway track for freight and passenger traffic, with necessary tracks for turn-outs, side tracks and switches, in, upon and along any streets, avenues, bridges, culverts, or other property owned by the city, or extensions of said streets as may be hereafter made, and upon such streets as may be fronting on the horse and dummy railroad, except the authority given by the Pioneer Fire Insurance Construction Company to lay down, construct and operate a narrow gauge track east of the city of Ottawa, upon and along certain streets therein named, by an ordinance passed and approved May 28th, 1884.

SECTION 1. It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Ottawa, in and for the County of Madison, Illinois, that the authority hereby granted to the said Ottawa Street Railway Company, their successors and assigns, to lay down, construct, operate and manage a street railway track for freight and passenger traffic, with necessary tracks for turn-outs, side tracks and switches, in, upon and along any streets, avenues, bridges, culverts, or other property owned by the city, or extensions of said streets as may be hereafter made, and upon such streets as may be fronting on the horse and dummy railroad, except the authority given by the Pioneer Fire Insurance Construction Company to lay down, construct and operate a narrow gauge track east of the city of Ottawa, upon and along certain streets therein named, by an ordinance passed and approved May 28th, 1884.

SECTION 2. The street railway shall be used for the purpose of transporting freight and passengers and for the use of the city, and the cars used for that purpose shall be of the best style and class used on such railways in other cities of the same class or demands as Ottawa.

SECTION 3. The tracks of this railway shall be laid so as to conform to the grades already established, and if laid upon any street or streets, the said Ottawa Street Railway Company, their successors or assigns shall lay said track so as to conform to the surface of such streets, provided that said street shall be graded and changed their track to grade whenever the City of Ottawa shall grade the same, and the said street railway company shall plank, pave, macadamize or gravel the space between the track at each principal street crossing, and shall keep the street between the track level with the roadway and of the same material, and in as good condition as the street may be required.

SECTION 4. The City of Ottawa shall not be held liable to the said street railway company for any damage occasioned by the breakage of any gas or water pipes, or from any delay occasioned by the street railway company, or from the improvements or repair of any street or bridge, provided, such improvements or repairs shall be made within a reasonable time after the completion of the said street railway, and the said street railway company shall be liable for any damage occasioned by the breakage of any gas or water pipes, or from any delay occasioned by the street railway company, or from the improvements or repair of any street or bridge, provided, such improvements or repairs shall be made within a reasonable time after the completion of the said street railway, and the said street railway company shall be liable for any damage occasioned by the breakage of any gas or water pipes, or from any delay occasioned by the street railway company, or from the improvements or repair of any street or 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